

## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

**1-1. Purpose.** This pamphlet prescribes processes and procedures for the management and execution of the Civil Emergency Management (CEM) Program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under the authorities of 33 USC 701n (commonly referred to as Public Law (PL) 84-99); The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) (The Stafford Act); Army Regulation (AR) 500-60, Disaster Relief; Engineer Regulation (ER) 500-1-1, Civil Emergency Management Program; and ER 1130-2-530, Flood Control Operations and Maintenance Policies. This pamphlet is a companion document to, and must be used in conjunction with, ER 500-1-1. For clarity and ease of usage, chapter numbering in this pamphlet replicates that used in ER 500-1-1. In case of a discrepancy between this pamphlet and ER 500-1-1, ER 500-1-1 governs.

**1-2. Applicability.** This pamphlet applies to HQUSACE elements, Major Subordinate Commands (MSC's), districts, laboratories, the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power), and other field operating activities (FOA) of USACE. This pamphlet is applicable in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States, unless provided otherwise by law. For instance, certain Stafford Act provisions apply to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The Pacific Ocean Division and Honolulu District are permitted to conduct preparedness activities that support authorized Stafford Act activities in these areas. Supplementation of this pamphlet is not permitted.

**1-3. Distribution Statement.** Approved for public release, distribution is unlimited.

**1-4. References.** See ER 500-1-1, Appendix A.

**1-5. Glossary of Acronyms and Terms.** See the Glossary at the end of this pamphlet.

**1-6. Responsibilities.** The emergency management authorities and responsibilities of commanders at all levels within USACE are contained in ER 500-1-1, Chapter 1.

**1-7. Mission Statement.** The mission statement for USACE Civil Emergency Management is shown in Figure 1-1, on page 1-2.

**USACE continuously provides timely, effective, and efficient disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation projects and services on a nationwide basis to reduce loss of life and property damage under DOD, USACE, FEMA, and other agencies' authorities.**

**Figure 1-1. USACE Emergency Management Mission Statement**